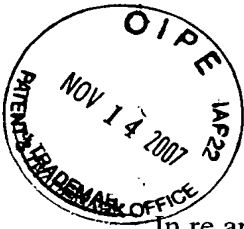


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RESPONSE TO ON PETITION AND RENEWED PETITION

The decision On Petition of October 31, 2007, correctly finds that the COPY of a drawing Amendment mailed October 20, 2003, did not have a signed certificate of mailing August 13, 2003.

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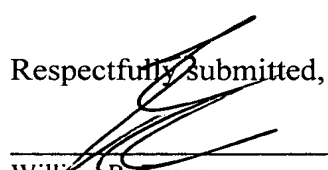
This correct finding is irrelevant, however, as the issue is whether the ORIGINAL certificate of August 13, 2003, was signed.

As to the issue of the signing of the ORIGINAL certificate, the Patent Office has provided no evidence, because, as the Patent Office noted in its own Notice of Abandonment of October 10, 2003, "No proposed new drawings have been received."

Against this absence of evidence in the Patent Office, and after various other excuses from the Patent Office before arriving May 31, 2005, at the signature to the ORIGINAL mailing certificate, the applicant provided August 22, 2005, a signed copy of the ORIGINAL certificate of mailing August 13, 2005.

As the Patent Office has had the drawings and a signed certificate of their mailing August 13, 2003, since August 22, 2005, the petition for withdrawing the abandonment on the basis that the drawings were not timely filed under signed ORIGINAL certificate of mailing of August 13, 2003, is renewed in response to the decision On Petition that overlooks these.

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